

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Fairbanks North Star Borough



The Fairbanks North Star Borough is located in the heart of Interior Alaska. It is the second most populated region in the state. In addition to serving as the region's transportation hub, Fairbanks is the economic, medical, educational and cultural center of Interior Alaska. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is the borough's largest employer. Eielson Air Force Station and Fort Wainwright play important roles in the economy, generating many civilian jobs. Military jobs associated with the bases are not captured in the survey used for this report.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 89,896, a gain of about 7,056 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 62 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 22 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

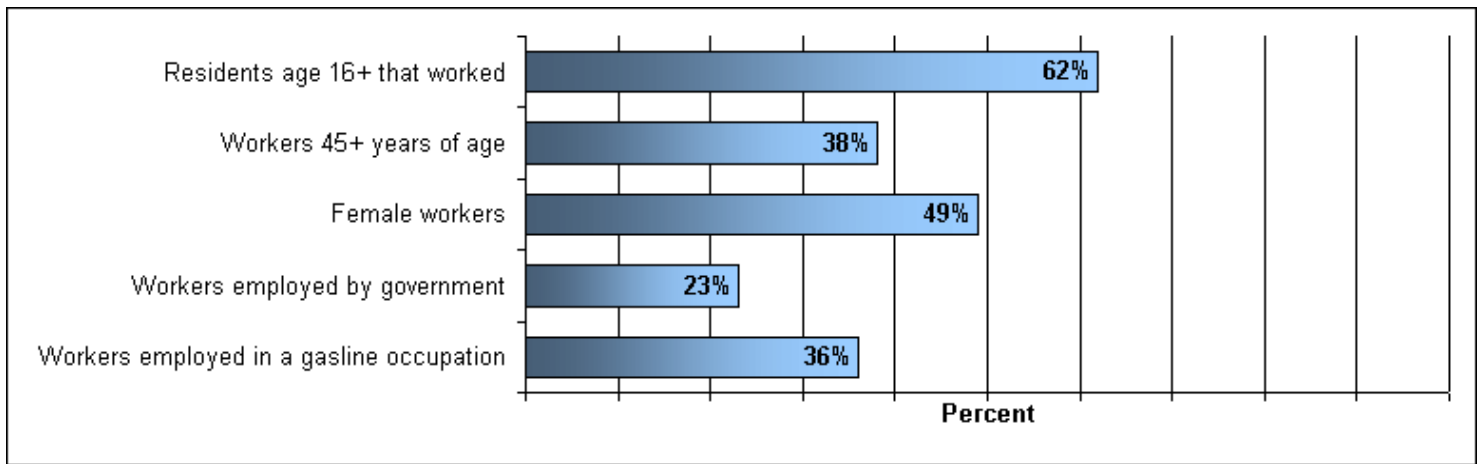
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	60,325	Total wages	\$1,352,437,878
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	37,635	Private	29,001
Male	19,015	State government	4,999
Female	18,602	Local government	3,636
Age 45+	14,214	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	9,859	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	33,692
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.0%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	4,490	Some construction	8,121
		At least 1 year construction	5,236
		At least 2 years construction	3,440
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	26,956
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2008 Residents

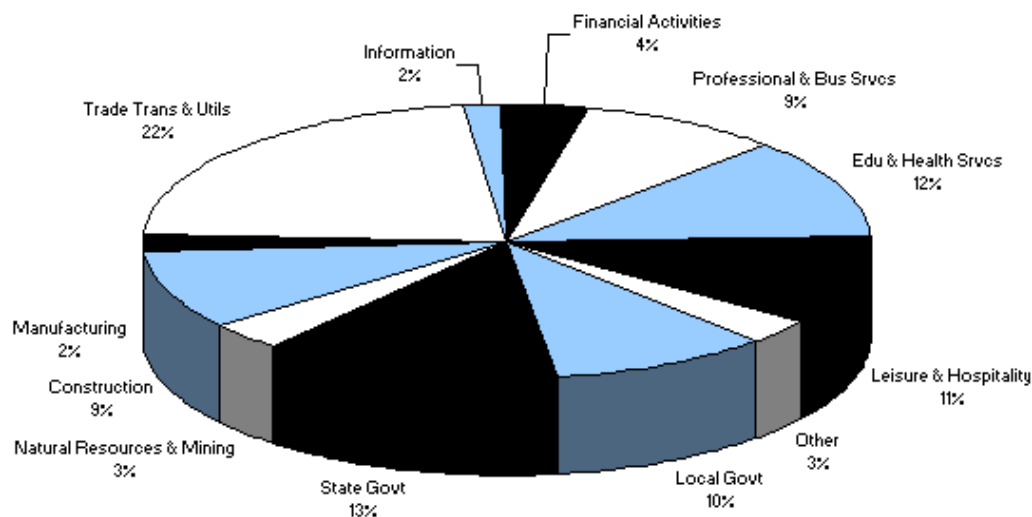


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Retail Salespersons	1,555	62.0%	286	7.5%	20.1%
Cashiers	1,018	69.2%	147	7.5%	19.7%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	899	86.7%	220	4.7%	9.2%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	790	51.6%	41	11.2%	25.6%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	789	71.0%	153	9.9%	13.2%
Teacher Assistants	776	82.7%	235	3.3%	7.6%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	758	10.2%	133	16.4%	19.8%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	641	47.0%	216	6.9%	10.9%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	564	8.3%	166	15.7%	17.6%
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	537	5.8%	207	7.5%	13.6%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	511	13.3%	84	9.3%	16.4%
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	506	2.0%	126	14.3%	16.6%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	466	6.7%	91	10.2%	15.4%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	463	89.2%	148	3.7%	8.2%
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	450	91.1%	130	5.0%	10.9%
Waiters and Waitresses	436	82.6%	30	6.1%	31.8%
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	433	92.4%	89	4.4%	12.3%
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	417	91.8%	174	4.7%	15.4%
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	411	80.3%	178	1.9%	2.1%
Electricians AGIA HOT JOB	404	3.5%	87	12.4%	12.0%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	1,305	13.6%	309	11.3%	19.5%
Construction	3,517	13.6%	780	11.5%	18.8%
Manufacturing	787	34.4%	160	5.6%	14.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	8,326	41.8%	1,946	6.4%	16.7%
Information	663	46.5%	173	7.8%	10.6%
Financial Activities	1,467	68.0%	298	6.8%	12.5%
Professional and Business Services	3,330	42.8%	874	11.7%	19.8%
Educational and Health Services	4,412	79.2%	1,329	5.5%	10.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,023	58.4%	598	8.1%	33.6%
State Government	4,999	52.1%	1,710	5.0%	10.7%
Local Government	3,636	66.9%	1,396	3.0%	4.9%
Other	1,141	51.1%	281	8.8%	14.8%

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	2,299	2,214	2,048	1,864
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	8.3%	7.2%	7.1%	7.8%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

University of AK
Fairbanks North Star School District
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Banner Health System
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
FBKS North Star Borough
Safeway Inc
FBKS Gold Mining Inc
Tanana Chiefs Conference

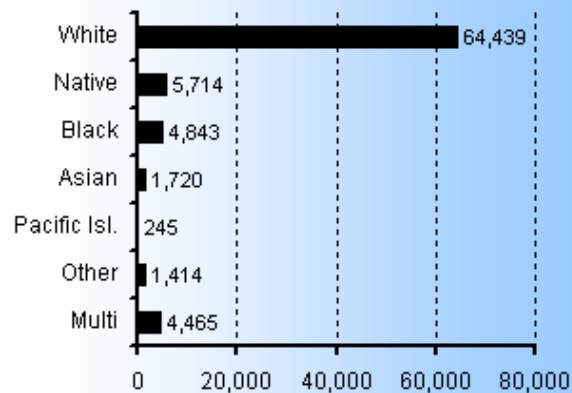
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	29.5
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.7
Per Capita Income	\$21,553
Median Family Income	\$56,478
Median Household Income	\$49,076

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	Contract Average	Adjusted Average	Contract Median	Adjusted Median	Vacancy Rate
All Units	\$891	\$996	\$865	\$949	10.6%

Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$1,113	\$1,481			
1 Bedroom	\$694	\$935	\$688	\$888	6.8%
2 Bedrooms	\$971	\$1,308	\$950	\$1,314	8.5%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,317	\$1,753	\$1,350	\$1,807	6.8%
4 Bedrooms	\$1,556	\$2,017	\$1,700	\$2,178	18.9%

Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$868	\$941			
0 Bedrooms	\$553	\$562	\$575	\$595	16.0%
1 Bedroom	\$738	\$790	\$700	\$759	10.4%
2 Bedrooms	\$927	\$1,007	\$900	\$997	10.6%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,166	\$1,299	\$1,150	\$1,284	10.7%

2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	Heating	Hot Water	Cooking
Natural Gas	14.2%	8.1%	0.3%
Oil	73.6%	53.4%	0.3%
Electric	0.6%	26.6%	97.9%
Other	11.6%	11.9%	1.5%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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